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STORM REPORT – OCTOBER 18, 2005, 7 A.M.

The storm that began Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2005, continues to produce light to moderate rainfall with isolated thundershowers throughout the Los Angeles Basin, San Gabriel Mountains, the Santa Clarita area, the San Fernando Valley, and the Antelope Valley. Altadena and Arcadia experienced some hail on Monday afternoon that quickly melted.

As of 7:30 this morning, the storm produced total precipitation amounts as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Inches</u>
Downtown Los Angeles	1.0
Burbank	1.5
San Gabriel Mountains	2.8
San Gabriel Valley	1.7
Santa Clarita Area	2.4
San Fernando Valley	1.1
Santa Monica Mountains	0.9
Antelope Valley	1.6

This is the first storm for the year. Officially, our storm season begins on October 15 and ends April 15 of each year. In a typical year, we average only 0.4 inches of rain during the month of October in Downtown Los Angeles.

The current weather forecast predicts decreasing rains with occasional thundershowers through this afternoon and ending by tonight.

Our flood maintenance and road personnel continue to monitor flood control facilities and road conditions. Dams are holding water and spreading of water for water

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conservation was initiated Sunday and will continue through the storm to conserve as much water as possible.

Bouquet Canyon Road is closed due to mudflows but will likely be reopened 4 hours after storms have cleared.

Frontier Circus Road from Avenue P-8 to Stagecoach Avenue, 40th Street East from Avenue P to Avenue N-8, and Avenue N from 45th Street East to 50th Street East are all closed due to flooding and expected to be reopened today.

San Francisquito Canyon Road continues to be closed. Pilot Car operations are suspended due to muddy conditions in the realigned section.

Caltrans closed the Rosemead Boulevard bridge at Whittier Narrows Dam as a precaution during the storm due to structural damage from last year's storm. I-5 through the Tejon Pass was closed Monday night due to mudslides but reopened this morning.

We continue to monitor the past and recent fire areas. Burbank experienced mudflows on Country Club Drive Monday afternoon but no homes were flooded. Flood Control debris basins and channels in the Harvard-Burbank fire area and in the Topanga-Chatsworth fire areas are being monitored. Engineering advice for mudflow hazard protection was given to residents in unincorporated County areas within the recent fire areas, and we have been in contact with the cities should they desire advice to be provided to their residents.

We continue to monitor potential landslide movement at Hume Road in the Santa Monica Mountains, Montellano in Hacienda Heights, and Plum Canyon in the Santa Clarita area.

We will keep you informed should conditions change.

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